WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hands-free telephone system for a vehicle comprising:

a cell phone located in the vehicle, the cell phone being operable for enabling an operator to make a cell phone call with a phone external to the vehicle; and

a vehicle appliance integrated into the vehicle, the vehicle appliance having a controller, a communications module, memory, and a voice synthesizer;

the communications module being operable for wirelessly communicating with the cell phone to detect when the cell phone receives an incoming call from an external phone having a telephone number and to receive the telephone number of the external phone from the cell phone;

the memory being operable for storing a list of names and associated telephone numbers;

the controller being operable for accessing the memory to locate a name stored in the memory corresponding to the telephone number of the external phone;

the voice synthesizer being operable for outputting the name corresponding to the telephone number of the external phone over a vehicle speaker for the operator to hear.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a display module operable with the controller for generating a textual display of the name corresponding to the telephone number of the external phone for output by a vehicle radio display for the operator to view.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a text-to-speech (TTS) module and the incoming call is a text message, wherein the communications module is further operable to wirelessly communicate with the cell phone to receive the text message from the cell phone, wherein the TTS module is operable with the communications module for converting the text message into speech and the voice

synthesizer is operable for outputting the speech over the vehicle speaker for the operator to hear.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a display module operable with the communications module for displaying the text message on the vehicle radio display for the operator to view.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a voice recognition module operable for recognizing voice commands stated by the operator, wherein the controller generates a control signal to control operation of a vehicle component in response to a vehicle component voice command received by the voice recognition module from the operator.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein:

the cell phone stores a phonebook having entries, each entry including a name text and an associated telephone number;

wherein the vehicle appliance further includes a text-to-speech (TTS) module;

wherein the communications module wirelessly communicates with the cell phone to receive a selected phonebook entry from the cell phone;

wherein the TTS module converts the name text of the selected phonebook entry into a voice tag for play by the voice synthesizer over a vehicle speaker for the operator to hear;

wherein the memory stores the converted voice tag and the associated telephone number of the selected phonebook in a phonebook for access by the voice synthesizer.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein:

the communications module wirelessly communicates with the cell phone to receive the selected phonebook entry using the OBEX file transfer protocol.

8. The system of claim 6 wherein:

the controller is operable for accessing the memory to determine if the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory;

if the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory, the voice synthesizer outputs an indication over the vehicle speaker for the driver to hear indicating that the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory.

9. A hands-free telephone system for a vehicle comprising:

a Bluetooth™ enabled cell phone located in the vehicle, the cell phone storing a phonebook having entries, each entry including a name text and an associated telephone number; and

a vehicle appliance integrated into the vehicle, the vehicle appliance having a Bluetooth™ enabled communications module, memory, a text-to-speech (TTS) module, and a voice synthesizer;

the communications module being operable for wirelessly communicating with the cell phone to receive a selected phonebook entry from the cell phone;

the TTS module being operable for converting the name text of the selected phonebook entry into a voice tag for play by the voice synthesizer over a vehicle speaker for the operator to hear;

the memory being operable for storing the converted voice tag and the associated telephone number of the selected phonebook in a phonebook for access by the voice synthesizer.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein:

the communications module wirelessly communicates with the cell phone to receive the selected phonebook entry using the OBEX file transfer protocol.

11. The system of claim 9 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a controller operable for accessing the memory to determine if the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory;

if the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory, the voice synthesizer outputs an indication over the vehicle speaker for the driver to hear indicating that the converted voice tag of the name text of the selected phonebook entry corresponds to a voice tag of a name text already stored in the memory.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a voice recognition module operable for receiving a verbal pronunciation of the converted voice tag of the selected phonebook entry by the operator, the voice recognition module being operable for converting the verbal pronunciation into a voice tag for play by the voice synthesizer over the vehicle speaker for the operator to hear;

wherein the memory is operable for storing the voice tag converted by the voice recognition module in place of the converted voice tag generated by the TTS module for access by the voice synthesizer.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein:

the memory has at least first and second phonebooks for storing entries, each phonebook storing a list of entries with each entry including a voice tag and an associated telephone number, wherein one of the phonebooks is operable at a time.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a controller and a voice recognition module, the voice recognition module being operable for receiving a voice command indicative of a selected memory phonebook from the operator, the

controller being operable for enabling the selected memory phonebook for use by the operator.

15. The system of claim 9 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a controller and a voice recognition module, the voice recognition module being operable for receiving a voice command indicative of disconnecting the cell phone from the communications module, the controller being operable for disconnecting the communications module from the cell phone in response to the voice command.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein:

the voice recognition module being operable for receiving a second voice command indicative of connecting the disconnected cell phone with the communications module, the controller being operable for reconnecting the cell phone with the communications module in response to the second voice command.

17. A hands-free telephone system for a vehicle comprising:

a Bluetooth™ enabled device; and

a vehicle appliance integrated into the vehicle, the vehicle appliance having a controller, a Bluetooth™ enabled communications module, and memory;

the controller being operable with vehicle components for generating vehicle diagnostic information;

the memory being operable for storing the vehicle diagnostic information;

the communications module being operable for wirelessly communicating the vehicle diagnostic information to the device.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein:

the communications module wirelessly communicates with the device to receive the diagnostic information using the OBEX file transfer protocol.

19. The system of claim 17 further comprising:

a second Bluetooth™ enabled device operable for storing MP3 music files;

wherein the communications module is operable for wirelessly communicating with the second device to receive the MP3 music files and the memory is operable for storing the received MP3 music files.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein:

the vehicle appliance further includes a voice recognition module operable for receiving voice commands of the operator, wherein the controller is operable with a vehicle radio system to play the MP3 music files over a vehicle speaker for the operator to hear in accordance with the voice commands of the operator.